

April 26, 1936.

Eighteenth Annual Meeting of the New Jersey Urban League

The Eighteenth Annual Meeting of the New Jersey Urban League was held on the same date at Bethany Baptist Church, 117 W. Market Street. After musical selections by an NRU string ensemble. The meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. Hayes, Pastor of the Church, followed by the singing of "Lift Ev'ry Voice". Mrs. George E. Bell, second Vice-President presented Mr. Ormond who in his remarks asked for continued support of the League and its work.

After further selections by the Ensemble reports were made. The first was that of Mrs. Siskins, the services of whose department may be classified as follows: Juvenile Court cases (b) compensation cases; (c) rehabilitation; (d) referrals; cooperative activities.

The report of Dr. Parks the Treasurer was as follows: for the year ending Dec. 1934-income from all sources \$9748.32

Expenses

\$876.46

Deficit

171.87

This report was accepted upon motion by Mrs. Bell, seconded by Mr. Powell.

The report of the Nominating Committee presented by the Chairman, Dr. Thomas was as follows: As members of the Executive Board for a three year term ending in April 1936:

Rev. L. Hamilton Garner

Mrs. Arthur Wright

Mrs. George E. Bell

Carl Banwart

Thomas Russ

J. A. Brooks

Mrs. William W. Wolfe

Mrs. Clarence S. Janifer

Rev. William F. Hayes

As officers of the organization for the ensuing year:

President-

Achie H. Ormond

1st Vice-President-

L. Hamilton Garner

2nd Vice-President-

Mrs. George E. Bell

Secretary

Mrs. Clarence S. Janifer

Treasurer

Dr. James B. Parks

We further ask that the Nominating Committee be continued for consideration of vacancies for vacancies in the Classes of 1936 and 1937 and that the Executive Board of this organization be empowered to make such replacements in the interim.

Mr. Banwart in the chair, the report was accepted upon motion by Mr. Powell seconded by Dr. Parks and the Secretary instructed to cast the ballot.

After two vocal selections by Mr. Walter Saunders - "Forgotten and Water Boy" - Executive Secretary made his Annual Report, in which he re-stated his personal philosophy and the policy of the local League. He said in part: "Whatever our attitudes, we are guided by the belief that Negro health, housing and morals are community responsibilities which should not be evaded, cannot be considered by rule of thumb methods or by measure of population ratio, but should and must be measured and met according to the seriousness of the human need."

After music by the ensemble, Mr. Ormond introduced the guest speaker, Dr. Frank Johnson, President of Dana College. Dr. Kingdon began by stating that there was no Negro culture as such, but rather several characteristic of the different sections of the United States, e. g.: New England where we find the intellectual ideal of democracy, Mid-Western, actual agrarian democracy; far-western, aristocratic; that

of the Mason and Dixon line most aristocratic with idea of ownership of the Negro kept after the Civil War. The emigration of the Negro to escape this loss of culture came when industrial culture was coming into effect. Organization necessary for adjustment, but it must be kept alive with enthusiasms. Several things are necessary for better relations between Negroes and whites:

1. Negroes must get away from self-pity.
2. Negroes must contend for their Civil Rights
3. Negroes should attempt to understand white persons.
4. Whites should stand up for Negro Civil Rights
5. There should be developed a technique for social mingling

7. Education

1. The instruments of government for the equal distribution for good things should be used.
2. Religion should not be ignored - it is related definitely to life

Meeting was closed by the benediction pronounced by Dr. L.E. Ellerson.

Archie H. Ormond, President

Una M. Janifer, Secretary.